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THYRATRONS

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SUMMARY: JAPANESE DELEGATION WITHDREW THEIR PROPOSAL TO DELETE AND SUBMITTED A LIMITED AE NOTE PROPOSAL. THEY WERE SUPPORTED BY ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT THE US WHICH RESERVED FOR FURTHER STUDY. ACTION REQUESTED: STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS NEW PROPOSAL AND PREPARE FINAL POSITION FOR ROUND III. END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 10, 1975, THE JAPANESE INTRODUCED A REVISED PROPOSAL TO RELEASE HYDROGEN THYRATRONS UP TO 33 MEGA-WATTS. THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO DELETE WAS WITHDRAWN.

2. THE JAPANESE SUPPORTED THEIR PROPOSAL CITING CIVIL APPLICATIONS SUCH AS RADAR, LINEAR ACCELERATORS, BONDING MACHINES AND WELDERS. THE FRENCH SUPPORTED THE JAPANESE WITH AN EXAMPLE OF APPLICATIONS IN THE HIGH VOLTAGE TESTING (LINE TESTING, INSULATION TESTING) FIELDS. THE US COUNTERED BY ASKING IF THE APPLICATIONS TO WHICH THE
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FRENCH WERE REFERING ACTUALLY REQUIRED PULSED HYDROGEN THYRATRONS OR WERE THESE DC GENERATION THYRATRONS.

3. THE FRENCH RETORTED THAT WHAT THE US WAS REFERRING TO WERE CALLED IGRATRONS NOT THYRATRONS. THE FORMER WERE MADE 20 YEARS AGO IN SWEDEN AND INDEED WERE USED IN HIGH VOLTAGE CABLE TESTING. THE TESTING VOLTAGE WAS MUCH LOWER FOR THOSE APPLICATIONS. TODAY HIGHER VOLTAGES ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS TYPE TESTING AND HYDROGEN THYRATRONS MUST BE USED.

4. THE FRENCH SUPPORTED THE JAPANESE WITH A DATA SHEET ON RUSSIAN HYDROGEN THYRATRONS WHICH EXCEEDED THIS MODEST PROPOSAL FOR AN AE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF REF A AND PREPARE FINAL POSITION FOR ROUND III.
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